

FlexJobs and LCEDC Partner to bring new career opportunities to Logan County! July 17, 2017. Sterling, Colorado.

The Logan County Economic Development Corp (LCEDC) is partnering with <u>FlexJobs</u> to help expand the career opportunities available to Logan County citizens. FlexJobs is a unique company designed to help job seekers looking for telecommuting or location neutral positions. There are thousands of jobs available from all around the world that can be completely performed from the comfort of your own home right here in Logan County, Colorado!

"We want to create new ways for our local citizens to elevate their career options, while having the ability to remain in the community," Said LCEDC Executive Director, Trae Miller. "I am personally aware of several local citizens that are highly skilled and educated, but struggle to find the type of positions that fit their experience level in our local job market. By working with FlexJobs we can help plug locals into new opportunities to continue to support our local economic base with good paying jobs."

FlexJobs is a job seeker site that subscribers pay to join for access to thousands of available positions in disciplines in medical & health to sales to education to customer service to science. The cost to join the site is \$14.95/Month or \$49.95 for a year. However, the partnership with LCEDC and FlexJobs allows Logan County citizens to get 50% off a subscription. To get the discounted rate you must live in Logan County and contact LCEDC for the discount code at 970-521-7196 or Director@Sterling-Logan.com.

"FlexJobs is proud to be partnering with Logan County Economic Development to help engage its citizens in the remote workforce," said Founder and CEO of FlexJobs, Sara Sutton Fell. "We believe the employment opportunities that remote work can bring to rural areas in Colorado and around the country can have significant, long-lasting economic potential."

In addition to working with FlexJobs on the special discount, LCEDC is partnering with them to hold an <u>online webinar</u> on telecommuting opportunities and how to best prepare for those job offerings to ensure you are competitive for the positions. FlexJobs' Senior Career Specialist, Brie Reynolds, will be presenting more about the concept on August 17th.

Kentec Communications Inc (KCI) is also working with LCEDC on the telecommuting initiative to offer a special Telecommuter Package and rate. The package is designed to support telecommuting workers with a high speed 50 Mbps internet connection and 1 phone line for only \$58.98/Month for the first 12 months and free install valued at \$75. According to CEO of KCI, Chip Powell, "KCI truly believes in this initiative to help locals find new ways to earn a good living in this community. This is a great place to live and often people are forced to leave for jobs that simply aren't available here. If we can help people by offering a lower cost package to try telecommuting careers we want to do that to help this county grow and get stronger economically." To get the special 'Telecommuter Package' through KCI, telecommuters must provide their FlexJobs subscription number and position they are applying for.

Telecommuting is a growing trend across the country and across multiple sectors. As Millennials have a stronger presence in the corporate and working world, traditional methodologies are changing. They value flexibility and social responsibility and both of those are addressed through telecommuting. This change can be a game changer for Rural America in places like Sterling, CO. Having these opportunities can open the community to a new kind of growth that provides options



that we have never seen before. In a Denver Post article, 2015 data was quoted showing that in Colorado 6.9% of residents telecommute full time. That outpaced the national average by 2.6 percentage points according to FlexJobs' analysis of U.S. Census data.

LCEDC is thrilled to help bring these unique job offerings to Logan County and help the community look into the opportunities that fit individual needs and skill sets. From entry level to executive positions, there are options for all job seekers!

Sterling, the largest City in Logan County, is the region's commercial hub for over 60,000 area residents. For more information please contact:

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